Remarks/Conclusion

Considerations of this patent application, as preliminarily amended, is respectfully requested.

This Preliminarily Amendment corrects a typographical error in the text of the original specification, which has been reformatted.

The Amendment also cancels original claims 1-18, which had been elected for prosecution in response to a restriction requirement in parent U.S. Application No. 10/005,890, filed December 5, 2001, to which the present application claims priority, so that remaining original claims 19-43 may be now prosecuted.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-7687.

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